Ægloga Quarta.

ARGVMENT.

THis Æglogue is purposely intended to the honor and prayse of our most gracious souereigne, Queene Elizabeth. The speakers hereinbe Hobbinoll and Thenott, two shepheardes: the which Hobbinoll being before mentioned, greatly to haue loued Colin, is here set forth more largely, complayning him of that boyes great misaduenture in Loue, whereby his mynd was alienate and with drawen not onely from him, who moste loued him, but also from all former delightes and studies, aswell in pleasaunt pyping, as conning ryming and singing, and other his laudable exercises. Whereby he taketh occasion, for proofe of his more excellencie and skill in poetrie, to recorde a songe, which the sayd Colin sometime made in honor of her Maiestie, whom abruptely he termeth Elysa.

Thenot. Hobbinoll.

TEll me good Hobbinoll, what garres thee greete?
What? hath some Wolfe thy tender Lambes ptorne?
Or is thy Bagpype broke, that soundes so sweete?
Or art thou of thy loued lasse forlorne?

Or bene thine eyes attempred to the peare,
Quenching the gasping furrowes thirst with rayne?

Like

Like Aprill shoure, so stremes th
Adowne thy cheeke, to quenche
Hobbinoll.

Nor thys, nor that, so muche doet
But for the ladde, whome long
Nowe loues a lasse, that all his
He plongd in payne, his tressed l

Shepheards delights he dooth t
Hys pleasaunt Pipe, whych ma
He wylfully hath broke, and doo
His wonted songs, wherein he a
Thenot.

What is he for a Ladde, you so
Ys loue such pinching payne to
And hath he skill to make so exc
Yet hath so little skill to byde
Hobbinoll.

Colin thou kenst, the Southerne
Him Loue hath wounded with
Whilome on him was all my ca
Forcing with gyfts to winne his

But now from me hys madding
And woes the Widdowes daug
So nowe fayre Rosalind hath by
So now his frend is chaunged f
Thenot.

But if hys ditties bene so trimly
I pray thee Hobbinoll, recorde s
The whiles our flockes doe gra
And we close shrowded in thys
Hobbinol.

Contented I: then will I singe
Of fayre Elisa, Queene of sheph
Which once he made, as by a sp
And tuned it vnto the Waters f